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DECLARATION OF RAGHAVAN RAJAGOPALAN, Ph.D. UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Raghavan Rajagopalan, declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the referenced application and am employed by its assignee. I hold a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Columbia University, and have 27 years of experience in the synthesis and use of compounds for medical diagnosis and therapy, which is the subject of this application. I am also a registered U.S. Patent Agent. My curriculum vitae is attached.
2. A person skilled in the art would recognize that the amendments in the Supplemental Amendment correct a typographical error that was made without deceptive intent and do not constitute new matter.
3. The amendment corrects one embodiment of a linker portion L of the claimed bioconjugate compound. The unamended claim recites a linker L as $-(CH_2)_6CO_2^-$. This is incorrect, and the skilled person would recognize it as incorrect because the bioconjugate resulting from such an arrangement of atoms in this composition is O-alkylhydroxamic acid, i.e., $-(CH_2)_6CO_2NH^-$, rather than an amide $-(CH_2)_6CONH^-$, which is a commonly used linker. A person skilled in the art would recognize that a typical bioconjugate will not comprise O-alkylhydroxamic acids, because they are both difficult to synthesize, and because they are unstable, and hence would not be a suitable linker. A person skilled in the art would recognize that a suitable linker would include amides, esters, carbamates, ureas, or thioureas. The correction of the linker to $-(CH_2)_6CO-$ results in the formation of an amide bond, which is generally stable to hydrolysis under physiological pH.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application or any patent issued thereon.

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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Innovative medicinal chemist with 26 years of industrial research experience covering diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceuticals in oncology, neurology, cardiology, and inflammation. Registered Patent agent with over 16 years of experience in drafting and prosecuting pharmaceutical and chemical patents.

- Pioneering work in the discovery and development of optical dynamic renal function monitoring agents.
- Pioneering work in the discovery of Type 1 phototherapeutic agents.
- Pioneering work in the discovery of integrated bifunctional systems.
- **82** Issued patents in diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceuticals.
- **38** Publications and presentations covering pure and applied organic chemistry.
- **9** Years of industrial supervisory experience in organic/medicinal chemistry.
- **6** Years of teaching and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students in organic synthesis.
- **5** Years of experience in successfully obtaining SBIR grants.
- **Registered Patent Agent** with United States Patent & Trademark Office.

EDUCATION

- *Doctor of Philosophy* **Organic Chemistry**. Columbia University, New York, NY. **1980**.
- *Bachelor of Science* **Chemistry**. State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY. **1975**.
- *Graduate Certification* **Applied Mathematics**. Washington University, St. Louis, MO. **1989**.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

COVIDIEN PHARMACEUTICALS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Technical Fellow

1/2010 – Present

- Providing technical leadership and strategic direction for cancer phototherapy program.
- Supervising technical staff in all phototherapy projects.
- Proposing novel ideas, and assisting in all intellectual property activities.

COVIDIEN, ST. LOUIS, MO. IMAGING SOLUTIONS R&D.

Principal Research Scientist

7/2007 – 12/2009

- Provided technical leadership and strategic direction for the Biophotonics team for new product development in optical imaging, organ function monitoring, and phototherapy.
- Submitted new invention disclosures and assisting in drafting prosecution of Biophotonics patent applications.

TYCOHEALTHCARE/MALLINCKRODT INC., ST. LOUIS, MO. IMAGING R&D. (PART TIME)

Principal Research Scientist

1/2004 – 7/2007

- Provided strategic direction for the biomedical optics team for new product development.
- Conducted prior art search, writing patent applications, conducting and patent analysis for all Imaging R&D.
- Designed and synthesized novel agents for optical imaging, organ function monitoring, and phototherapy.

DAYA DRUG DISCOVERIES, INC., BEACHWOOD, OH. DISCOVERY MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY (PART TIME).

Director of Research

6/2003 – 1/2007

- Provided strategic direction for the discovery of novel HIV-1 integrase inhibitors and anti-cancer agents.
- Successfully obtained several SBIR grants from National Institutes of Health and Department of Energy.
- Supervised technical staff and provided administrative support, and drafted and prosecuted patent applications.

RICERCA, LLC., CONCORD, OH. DISCOVERY MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY R&D.

Research Fellow

9/2002 – 5/2003

- As a project leader, designed and developed novel antiestrogens for the treatment of breast cancer.
- Drafted patent applications. Provided patent advice to R&D staff. Conducted prior art searches.

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GLIATECH INC., BEACHWOOD, OH. DISCOVERY MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY R&D.

Senior Principal Scientist

2/2001 – 8/2002

- Supervised technical staff and provided administrative support for the chemistry department.
- Provided strategic research direction for the development for novel antipsychotics.
- Provided strategic direction for the development of CNS drugs for the treatment of obesity and cognitive disorders.
- Submitted and obtained SBIR grant pertaining to novel Gly-T1-based antipsychotics.
- Prepared composition of matter and process patent applications pertaining to CNS drugs.
- Provided patent advice to R&D staff. Conducted prior art search and patent analysis.

MALLINCKRODT INC., ST. LOUIS, MO. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MEDICAL IMAGING R&D.

Senior Research Associate

2/1998 – 11/2000

- Provided strategic direction for the biomedical optics team for new product development.
- Established patent policies for R&D and advised technical staff on patentability issues.
- Prepared patent applications for Imaging R&D. Conducted prior art search and patent analysis.
- Designed and synthesized novel agents for optical imaging, organ function monitoring, and phototherapy.

Research Associate

2/1992 – 2/1998

- Designed and synthesized steroid mimics for diagnosis/therapy of prostate and breast tumors.
- Developed efficient GMP process for a novel myocardial perfusion agent that lead to FDA submission.
- Designed and synthesized diagnostic/therapeutic bioconjugates for neuroendocrine tumors.
- Prepared patent applications for Imaging R&D. Conducted prior art search and patent analysis.

Senior Research Chemist

2/1988 – 2/1992

- Designed and synthesized pyridine based morphine mimics for assessing neurodegenerative diseases.
- Designed and synthesized novel metal complexes for magnetic resonance imaging.
- Developed efficient GMP process for novel pain palliation agent that led to FDA submission.
- Designed and synthesized novel ligands for technetium based myocardial and brain perfusion agents.
- Prepared patent applications for Imaging R&D. Conducted prior art search and patent analysis.

Research Chemist

2/1984 – 2/1988

- Developed efficient GMP process for novel renal agent that led to FDA submission.
- Designed and synthesized novel bifunctional chelates for site-selective conjugation to tumor specific antibodies.
- Developed anti-idiotypic internal image antibodies for imaging myocardial digoxin receptors.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, ORTHO DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS INC., RARITAN, NJ. IMMUNOCHEMISTRY.

Research Scientist

1/1983 – 2/1984

- Development of in vitro fluorescent immunochemical detection method for counting T-cells.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, NEW YORK, NY.

Post Doctoral Research. Department of Microbiology. Research Focus, Immunology/Immunochemistry. 8/1980 – 12/1982

- Immunochemical assessment of DNA damage and repair caused by ionizing radiation.
- Development of internal image anti-receptor antibodies against steroid and sodium channel receptors.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, NEW YORK, NY.

Graduate Research. Department of Chemistry. Research Focus, Biomimetic Chemistry.

9/1975 – 7/1980

- Investigated the effect of multiple coordination on the regioselectivity of reactions in flexible molecules.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK, STONY BROOK, NY.

Undergraduate Research. Department of Chemistry. Research Focus, New Synthetic Methods.

3/1974 – 8/1975

- Synthesis of Thermorubin antibiotic. Developed new method for the construction of xanthenes.

PUBLICATIONS

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